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Appl. No.: 09/936,608*Amendments to the Claims*

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement, comprising: a patch for covering an area to be treated, and provided with an adhesive surface for allowing the patch to stick to the area, a peelable backing covering the adhesive surface, an applicator and a discrete dispensing container located fully between the adhesive surface and substantially fully enveloped by the patch and the peelable backing, and the dispensing container accommodating a substance to be dispensed ~~over the area to be treated, the substance to be dispensed being housed apart from the applicator and being situated fully between the backing and the patch, an applicator arranged between the patch and the dispensing container~~ and a release agent cooperating with the peelable backing and the dispensing container in such a manner that when the backing is peeled from the adhesive surface the release agent enables the dispensing, the dispensing container being positioned to cooperate with the release agent and the release agent being arranged to cause the container to open or rupture on removal of the backing such that the substance is released to release the substance from the opened or ruptured dispensing container onto the applicator, and the applicator being arranged to apply an effective amount which facilitates application of the substance to the area to be treated when the patch is stuck to that the area, the dispensing container being of a type selected from (a) a sachet, (b) a rupturable container, or (c) a premanufactured container.

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Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 1, in which the applicator includes at least one absorbent pad secured to the patch along at least one marginal adhering zone, with a non-adhering zone of the pad being interposed between the dispensing container and the peelable backing for receiving the substance to be dispensed from the dispensing container after it has ruptured or opened by operation of the release agent.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 3, in which the release agent is adhesively secured to the peelable backing, whereby the release agent is arranged to be simultaneously peeled away with the peelable backing to rupture or ~~breach~~ open the dispensing container.

Claim 5 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 4, in which the release agent comprises at least one aperture ~~zone~~ defined in the dispensing container, and a removable sealing strip for sealing off the aperture, the sealing strip being arranged to expose the aperture on removal thereof.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 5, in which the sealing strip extends between the dispensing container and non-adhering zones of the pad, whereby the pad is arranged temporarily to splay outwardly to allow the sealing strip to exit as it is peeled away from the dispensing container.

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Claim 7 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 4, in which a pair of absorbent pads are provided in the form of adjacent flaps, each flap being formed with outer marginal adhering zones which are secured to the patch and a pair of intermediate non-adhering zones which are interposed between the dispensing container and the peelable backing, with the dispensing container being secured to the patch along an intermediate adhering zone located between the outer marginal adhering zones of the flaps.

Claims 8-10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 1, in which the patch and the peelable backing define an outer sealed container within which the dispensing container is housed.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 1, in which the adhesive dispensing arrangement is in the form of a sticking plaster or adhesive bandage arrangement in a medical application, with the substance including any form of medicament.

Claim 13 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 1, in which the substance is arranged to treat selected areas, and is chosen from the group including dyestuffs, etchants, chemical treatments, pigments and catalysts.

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Claim 14 (currently amended): An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the release agent comprises a rupturing aid for removing or ~~breaching~~ opening a rupturable zone on the dispensing container so as to provide an opening in the dispensing container.